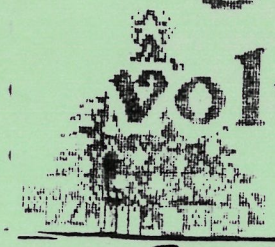
GOOD TIMES



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Merry Christmas!

PAW PAW MIDDLE SCHOOL PAW PAW, MICHIGAN 25¢

BAND CONCERT WED. NIGHT

The seventh grade band played the folowing songs at the concert Wednesday night: "I'll be home for Christmas", "Twelve Days of Christmas", "Foxboro March","Ostinato Rhythmique" and "Windsor Overture."

The concert included the eighth grade and the high school bands. They played everything from Bach to rock.

K.Bearden and S.Sherrod

Poets Receive Recognition

Seven Middle School poets have their poems on display at the Paw Paw Wendy's this month. Ken Anderson, Robert Ritter, Brandon Miller, Aaron Anderson, Shea Sherrod, Elaine Gillam and Sarita Rickli are the eighth graders whose poems were accepted for display by the Michigan Alliance for the Arts.

Aaron and Shea's poems were also published in a statewide publication put out by the Alliance and Wendy's. The book is on display in the library.

See "News" at Lunch

The new moving message sign that the student council officers and delegates have added to the lunchroom has six ultra bright colors, 16 special graphic designs and a couple of ways for the words to appear on the screen.

H.Bigelow

MEYER PRESIDENT, CARR VEEP

STudent council officers this year are Jason Meyer, president, Bret Flanders, secretary, Kelly Carr, vice-president, and Alicia Dacoba ,treasurer.

Delegates and alternates for the sixth grade are Lorrie Robbins, Jessica Silber, KAri VEsey, STephanie Ewald, Linda Morrison, Ben Merrill, Katie Vogel, Jason Zinkil, Katie Rock, Ayer TRuckey, Doug Diemer and Jeremiah Boink.

SEventh grade councilors are Amy Christenson, Beth WArner, Jenny Abnet, Mary Tapper, Kelly Zirkle, Kara Orange, HEather Bigelow, Brian Kelleher, Dave Clark, Nick Zygadlo, Lindsey Smith,and Angie Butcher.

Eighth graders are Brandi Osborn, Jason Fisk, Carrie Zygadlo, Andy Hanson, Marc Hamre, Brad Piecyk, Nate Purslev, Kelly VanLaar, Bree Herron, JEnniferNufer, Bernard Varnesdeel and Kristi Boff.

Abnet Makes History

The 500 club added five new members and recorded a first. A seventh grade girl was added to the club.

Jason Meyer, 512, Jennifer Abnet, 506, Matt Dundon, 502, Marc Hamre, 501 and Tony Hinton, 500 were the new members.

Jenny is the first seventh grade girl ever to make 500 club and only the third girl ever.

Emilee Bowers was the high pointer for the eighth grade girls.

Jennifer Abnet also set a new bar dip record of 22.

DEAR SANTA —

Dear Santa,
I want a car but my parents say I'm too young at 14.
Wanting

Dear W.,
You are too young. You won't get a car. Why not ask for a stuffed animal?

Dear Santa,
I just wrote to tell you that I am sorry for not being good. I knoı I shouldn't have flushed dad's wig down the toilet. If you give me a chance, I would do anything you want.What do you want me to do?

Dear Worried also,
Don't worry. All you had to do was apologize and you did.

Dear Santa,
The other day I loaned some money to this kid. EVery day I ask for my two dollars back and he never has it. It bothers me teribly.
Confused and broke untilI'm paid

DearConfused and Broke until I'm Paid,

I have never needed money as yo apparently do. Negotiate with this kid. Come up with a deal that is really hard enough to get him to repay you.

Cowboy Carl Rides Again

Howdy.It's me again. I guess I sound a little down, huh? My favorite steer, Louie, is really sick. The surgeon's thin he'll be ok but he won't be the same after eating that poison ivy. Poor guy. I feel so guilty I just want to pack myself in a styrofoam box with 200 0 rattlesnakes while jumping out o a CEssna going 700 m.p.h. with no parachute 20000 feet up onto a bed of spikes two feet high.

Well I guess I should tell you another story. I thinks I'll tell you about the time I got my steer. Me and Gomez were a-walkin' along looking for some action when we came upon 15 cattle rustlers with huge shotguns that could blow a guy to pieces.

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Dear Santa,
I'm really worried because I'm not getting anything from my parents because I have been real bad,I'llcry if you don't get me anything cause you've been watching me. What should I do?
Worried

Dear Worried,
I have been watching yo and I am not positive but Ireally think your parents are getting you presents. So get going being good now if you haven't been.

Dear Santa,
My bell is not working. It is supposed to play B flat but it plays F flat. What should I do?
out of tune reindeer

Dear o.u.t.r.,
Get a new bell. Even better ask for one from me. Hoho.
Santa

HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

The Hoop Shoot contest was held a few weeks ago and the winners were Lindsey Smith and Bernard Varnesdeel in the 12-13 categories. Congrats.

The Good Times this month was the joint effort of the following people: Alicia Sides, Jenny Winters, Sarah Slager, Beckie Gustin, Shea Sherrod, Jenna Millek, Shanda Vloch, Jessica Zirkle, Debbie Stoner, Lisa Marr, Lindsey Thompson, Amanda Pritts, Marrisha Varnesdeel, Valarie Holzworth, Jessica Martin, Cris Vrhel, Scott Puckett, Chris Laverack, Brennan Sang, Vicki Miller, Kathleen Bearden, Jennie Withers, Mike Carr Azure Russell, Ryan Rucinski, Monaca Healy, Brandi Osborn, Dan Newman, Steve Myers, David Morrison, Heather Bigelow, Jessica DeGraaf, Jennifer White, Kristi Boff, Brian Stratton, Angie Perkkio, Athena Lohr, Kelly VanLaar, Robert Ritter, Ron Winters, SArita Rickli, and Danielle Sheltrown.

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They had a huge herd of steer that they were stealing. Well, me and Gomez took them on. Then a bunch of radioactive guinea pigs complicated the task.

We gought like brave soldiers and beat them. We couldn't kill the cute little radioactive guinea pigs so we let them go. The owners of the steer were so happy to have them back, that they gave me one steer calf. Well, me and that steer got real attached. I named him Louie.

Join me next time for another adventure.

(This story is another figment of Carl's overactive imagination.)

B.Miller

CHOIR CONCERT Dec. 13

The seventh and eighth grade choirs put on a show for their parents and friends December 13 at 8 in the auditorium.

Both choirs sang some songs together but they also did some separate songs, seventh only and eighth only.

Some of the songs sung were "Sing Sing Merriest of Days", "Tiny King", "Feliz Navidad", "TheNight Before Christmas Rap", and "Rock and Roll Santa."

B.Osborn

Happy Birthday Decemberites!

December is a month of birthdays. Happy birthday to the following people:

Marc Hamre, Dec. 11, Tristan Klimach, Dec.28, Chuck Lhamon, Dec.12, Jason Fisk, Dec.7, Mr. Wright, Dec. 6, Mr.Zolp ,December 8, Cris Vhrel, Dec.15, Ryan Rucinski, Dec. 10, Mike DeGraaf, Dec.21, Angie Perkkio, Dec.20, Melissa Corneail, Dec.1, Kris McCorkle, Dec.23, Josh Golladay, Dec.26, Brandon Surdy, DEc.8, Bret Jones, Dec.27, Chuck Rowlee, Dec. 22, and Kelly Becker, Dec.30. Have a nice month!

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is fun
It's never undone.
It's the most fun day around
Especially when there'snow on the ground.
Christmas happens once a year
After Christmas my aunt leave and then there's tears,
Songs to sing
Presents to bring
Family members gather
And they can't decide whether
They want to stay
Or go away.

R.Ritter

Dear Editor,

Are our streets and roads bad? I think they are. I think the government should use tax money to repave and ptch roads instead of fattening their pockets.

The roads are trails. They should be smooth so that people wouldn' t have to replace their shocks struts soon.

I also think that every dirt road should be paved so that rocks and dust won't hit people's cars. When rocks hit windshields it costs money.

The trucks that carry gravel should be covered becasue rocks can fly out and hit windshields causing cracks.

The road crews should have better warning signs up about the paving of roads. When there isn't adequate warning, people drive into tar not realizing it until it is too late. The tar can ruin the car's finish.

I think if we get a good governmental effot roads and trucks that involve road construction could be fixed.

C.Barden

Snow
White and frolicking
Dancing on the tip of your cold little nose.
The snowflakes stick to your lashes
Make you look grand
And you brush them away
With the swish of your hand.

C.DeBaptiste

Mrs. Channel - student Teacher

Mrs. Channel was born in Wheeling, West Virginia. She grew up mostly near Marrietta,Ohio. In college she went to Ohio State for nursing and she was at Riverside Methodist Hospital fro three years,

She has beena nurse for nineteen years and has worked in a hospital for ten years.

She and her husband came to Western Michigan University, he to teach and she to finish her degree in health and home economics.

At home, MRs. Channel has one son, ADam who is six and a golden retriever named Toby.

The family loves to travel, take care of animals, and visit national and state parks, especially ones in Michigan and the Provincial Parks in Canada.

They love Michigan and the "Michigan Ocean."

Mrs. Channel likes public health, cooking, eating and sewing.

V.Miller

SUPERSTITIOUS? NOT HER!

I am not superstitious but I once had a full-length mirror hanging in my bedroom that broke.

It didn't seem to hold true as they say with seven years bad luck though my luck did go downhill for the entire day. I began to wonder if there wasn't some connection.

Let me tell you. It started in morning with my toast getting stuck in the toaster. I stuck a fork into it to get out the toast and instant presto hairdo. I applied a little spray and I was set for the day.

I rushed down the walk to school, seeing I was lte by the bell. I forgot the combination to my locker in the midst of all my frustration. I just drew a blank.

I laughed aloud when it came to me; what a day I was having.

The morning flew by but fifth hour came and where was my assignment? I felt sick to my stomach.

Ahhh teach, I think I'm going to be sick. He said, o.k. go call yorparents but first bring your assignment up here.

So , back to the mirror. I now have a new one. I walk by it with caution and clean it with care. Too many days like that could be hazardous to my health.

A.Perkkio

My Life as a SNOWFLAKE

First I started out in a lake and it was a cool day. I vaporated and floated into the sky, going higher and higher. Then I saw that I was getting so high that I could tell I was over Lake Michigan.

A bunch of us evaporators collected and made a cloud because if we build up by getting together we can go back to earth. We probably traveled miles, I think I saw Kalamazoo.

It started to get really cold and I mean really cold. I began to think we were in Canada but we were in Michigan still. Suddenly all the evaporators were leaving as rain drops. I started to fall: I was a raindrop too. I froze and before I knew it I was a snowflake.

The wind changed and I floated for miles almost.I could see land. I saw people walking from place to place and cars driving down a road. I could see people's faces. I saw one kid wih his mouth open. He came closer to me and all I could see was his mouth. Owww! Close your mouth, kid.

S.Puckett

Least Favorite Parental Sayings

This survey took place in Mrs. Roberts 2nd hour and Mrs. Mahanty's 7th hour class. When asked what your prents say that you dislike hearing the most, the most frequent reply was " when I was young" according to Bob Palmatier, Ken Henry, Kristen Janecke, an Roy Borden.

Other replies included "Your kids will get you back for all the rotten things you did" given by Scott Ernstesand Jessica Martin.

While Chris Wielenga's was "keep yor mind to your self", Heather McCulten's was "Eat or starve."

Angie Butcher's favorite was "We never did that when we were young."Tony Cupani agreed that was his least favorite too.

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Paulette Winkelman said her least favorite was "Do the dishes or you won't go anywhere." Lindsey Smith said,"When I try some clothes on that I think are babyish my parents always say,' Oh but you look so cute and adorable.'".

J.Winters and J.MArtin

BEST PAGEANT BEST EVER!

The Best Christmas pageant ever was performed this past week-end in the middle school auditorium.

The cast were all from the middle school and included Beth Vogel, Katy Rock, Ry Charters and Brennan Sang as the Bradley family. Val Holzworth narrated.

The Herdmans were DEbbie Stoner, Benji MErrill, Matt Chase, Scott Puckett, Amanda Pritts, and Jerry Mandigo.

Other supporting parts were done by Angela Tapper, Lindsay Thompson, Abby Garcia, Collette Stevenson, Gina Borrello, Jeremiah Bloink, Brandon Root, Louis Williams, Steve Abshagen, and Becca Stoner.

The choruses were made up of Kris Gibbs, Angela Mihelich, REbekkah Hoffman, katie Vogel, Jessica Handley, Amy Stimac, Heather SAge, Stephanie Ewald, Beth Bonelli, Lisa Satayut, Erryn Rice, George Melichar, Ayer TRuckey, Jessica Surdy, Azure Russell, Vicki Miller, Tar Pullen, Debbie Johnson ,Jasmine Baker, Channa Robinson and Kristi Jack.

The play was directed by Mrs. WARNER.

Rudolph TALKS TO REPORTER

Jenny Winters sneaked up on Rudolph to get this exclusive interview.

"How does it feel to be the only reindeer with a red nose? "

Said Rudy, "Weird,definitely. Santa of course asked me especially to guide his sleigh."

Rudolph said his favorite sport was "Antler ball", while his favorite food was "Candy-flavored straw with chocolate topping."

Rudy loves "Deer n' roll" to dance to and says when asked his favorite color,"Just look at my nose and ask me!"

When Jenny asked who his favorite people were, R. replied,"Mr. and MRs. Claus because they never laugh and call me names...like 'light bulb'."

His favorite movie stars are ChrisDeer Brinkley and Deernold Swartsnegger." His favorite t.v. show is "Federal Deer of Investigations."

Rudy likes "Deertendo " when he wants to kick back and relax. He just finished reading"Moby Deer."

His closing remarks were "Merry Christmas to alland to all a good night."

MEET MS. HEATH

Ms.. HEath teaches 7th and 8th grade lifeskills classes.

She received an associate degeree from Southwestern Michigan College in1987. She is finishing a bachelor degree at Western with a major in health education and a minor in family life education.

In her spare time she volunteers fro the American Red Cross. She is trained and certified to teach CPR and Rescue Breathing.

Ms. HEath is single at the moment, pursueing the achievements that make her happy. Her hobbies include boating on Lake Michigan. It is exciting and relaxing she says. Also she read Danielle Steel's books.

Her favorite foods are spaghetti and chili. She likes deep purple,country blue and red.

She has a two year old cat who likes to play fetch.

Special moments in her life included trips to Boston, South Carolina and Florida and graduating from high school. She also recalls her brother ending up sixth in the state in wrestling in highschool.h

Ms.Heath stated "I love this age group. Most of the students are motivated and eager to learn. I have made a lot of friends in PAw PAw and I'm going to miss them all very much. I want to thank Mrs. Mahanty for being the best supervising teacher anyone could ask for."

J.Winters

FUNNIEST CHRISTMASES

The sixth graders were surveyed about their most fun Christmas. Amanda Alexander says it was when her grandpa was playing a trick on her brother and dropped his dentures into the fireplace while Tracey Jones says it was when her brother slammed the door on her uncle Randy and yelled,"Robber".

Amy Stimac recalled the funniest Christmas was when her brother-in-law felland hit the tree and the tree fell too. Regenia Ervent says that her one year old brother took all the presents and his them one year.

Evy Rice says it was so funny when the cat and the dog knocked over the fish tank, the Christmas tree and the t.v. in five minutes.

Kris Gibbs says it was funny wnen mom borke nine ornaments and put them onthe tree. Angela Edwards recalls the funniest Christmas when her brother threw the Christmas tree out the window.

Tara Pullen says she remembers stuffing the turkey with jello. Jessica Surdy recalls when her brother put underwear on the dog. Brad Winkelman's laughs came when his sister whent to plug in the tree lights and blew all the fuses in the house.

B.Gustin, S.Slager

More Funny Incidents

More funny and embarrassing Christmas moments included when,says Mr. Ruesink, "I wrote two love notes to my girlfriends and I sen them to tow different girls on Christmas Day. They both got angry but they stillwent out with me. The problem was, they never trusted me again." Juri Groenland remembers getting a box of coal at his aunt's for Christmas.

Meghan Handy recalls when the dog ripped all the paper offthe presents and Nichole Lanphear remembers when the family took a video of our Christmas.

What Do You Not Want?

What do you not want for Christmas? Jennie Withers doesn't want another brother or sister. RYan Rucinski doesn't want any News Kids on the Block tapes or dolls or anthing else of theirs. Autumn Travis echoes most of us when she says want a package of socks! Heather Holewa agrees.

Azure Russell doesn't want a Barbie doll. Josh Axe doesn't want underwear while Nick Zygadlo doesn't want nyone in his family to be sick. Marcy Coas says no more stuffed animals. "Every year my aunt gives me some kind of stuffed animal and she thinks I stilllike them."

Shawn Davis doesn't wAnt any lame clothes. Jason Montgomery doesn't think he'd like a can of Spam. Allison Coles doesn't want a fruit cake like I got from my cousins last year.

Jessica Tovias says don't give her anything from Michigan State but Monica Kovach says don't buy me any Michigan stuff. Rob Henry says don't buy him any He-man action figures and C.Wielenga says no to a Barbie Ferrari.

Don't get Danny Starbuck a pellet gun or snow shoes. He doesn't want them. Mary Lou Garcia says she doesn't want her sisters. Elaine Gillam says no bogus gifts like pre-stuffed stockings.

Nate Pursley wants Santa to know he no longer needs any more front teeth. Naomi Wray hopes Santa won't get stuckin their chimney.

The best gifts anyone receivedwere usually live gifts-puppies, kittens and horse. Cathy Griffith recalls two four month olf kittens she got. Leslie Schutt once got a cocker spaniel named Duffy. Angie Perkkio got a horse one year and Jessica DeGraaf got a puppy.

Andy Weaver and Sarita Rickli received stereos for Christmas one year. Jennifer Price got threetickets to a Detroit Lions game in the Silver Dome. Angie Butcher's favorite was a while ago when she got her Cabbage Patch kids, Pound Puppy and Barbie dolls.

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Best Gifts... Continued

Brad Piecyk once received a trampoline for Christmas. Sarah Williams echoed several who were really pleasedto receive a large sum of money for Christmas. Jessica Stickels recalls a desk you can put on your lap that opens. Her grandpa made it for her. Dan Newman recalls getting his gun for Christmas.

Holly Martin sums it up in a true holiday spirit. They were all the best presents, says Holly. Merry merry Christmas to all of you from the news staff.

Seventh Gr. Boys' Basketball

The seventh grade boys' basketball team consists of the following people: Steve Abshagen, Josh Axe, Craig Bay, Jim Branch, Billy Briley, Derek Bugg, Dave Clark, Tony Cupani, Virgil Edwards, Juri Groenland, Nick Harling, Mike Jordan, Brian Kelleher, Kris MCCorkle, Damian Nicey, Roebrt Palmatier, Dan Perkins, Pete Pokryfke, Steve Shreve, Jody Silber, Shawn Soudek, Darik Stevens, Brandon Surdy, Chris Wielenga, Trevor Wright, and Nick Zygadlo. Mr. Erickson is the coach.

Presents are small
Presents are tall
Presents that shine
Presents that are mine.
Presents come with love
Not with a shove,
I love presents
Especially when they come from parents.

R.Ritter

ON TV? ME? & BART?

One day I was watching t.v. when suddenly arms flew out of it and pulled me in. It was Thursday night so I was watching the Simpsons. I was now a cartoon figure on one o f the most popular sitcoms.

First person I met was Homer who was a lot nicer than he seems on t.v. Then I met Lisa. She was pretty much as I figured she'd be... a smart, bratty kiss up little girl. She took a liking to me and we became good friends.

I went with Lisa into the living room and that's where I met Marge, whose hair was even higher than it is on t.v. She made me a sandwich because she figured I was hungry. I couldn't eat it because it was tuna and peanut butter. She told me it was the family's favorite.

T.V. (Continued)

Lisa then took me into see the baby. Maggie was doing exactly as pictured she'd do if I would ever actualy meet her. She was sleeping and sucking her pacifier. All you could hear was "suck, suck, suck."

I finally met Bart himself. He was cool as ever riding his skateboard down the sidewalk outside. He came in and said "Hi." I told him he was my favorite cartoon character. Then everything went blank. I woke up lying in my bed. I was all a dream.

B.Stratton